GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Boeing passenger aircraft and other small passenger aircraft available with the Government Airlines;

(b) whether the out-dated and aged aircraft are still being used;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to purchase new Boeing Aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): Air India has 13 Boeing passenger aircraft, including one leased aircraft (B-747-400) and one aircraft (B-747-200)which has been phased-out from scheduled operations and is awaiting disposal. Alliance Air (a subsidiary of Indian Airlines) has a fleet of 11 Boeing 737. In addition to this, Indian Airlines has 2 Dornier DO-228 and 4 ATR-42 small passenger aircraft.

(b) : No life span is specified for aircraft. The operation of an aircraft may continue subject to its airworthiness being certified by DGCA.

(c) and (d): The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its 61st meeting held on 27th March, 2002 approved the proposal for acquisition of 43 aircraft comprising A-319, A-320 and A-321 from Airbus Industries during the period 2003-04 to 2007-08 at a net cost of Rs.10,089 crores. The Project Report has been submitted by Indian Airlines to the Government. Pre-PIB meetings were held on 25th April and 12th June,2003 on the subject, wherein it was recommended that the proposal may be referred to PIB for consideration. No firm target date for completion of the acquisition process can be indicated at this stage, since the extant procedures for consideration of public investment proposals will have to be followed.

Air India also has plans to acquire new aircraft in order to phase out the older aircrafts, rationalize its fleet and expand capacity. No final proposal has been received from Air India for Government approval.